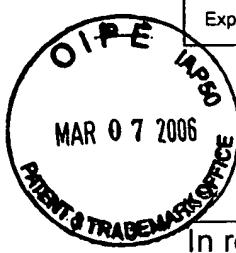


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Discharge Lamp, Glass Tube For High-
Pressure Discharge Lamp, And Lamp
Element For High-Pressure Discharge Lamp

Examiner: A. J. Canning

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

In response to the election requirement, applicant hereby elects the species covered by Invention I (Claims 1-18), drawn to the method for manufacturing.

Applicant's election is made without prejudice and Applicants reserve the right to prosecute the non-elected inventions (Invention II, Claim 19; and Invention III, Claim 20) at a later date. As noted by the Examiner, upon the allowance of a generic claim, Applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to not more than a reasonable number of species in addition to the elected species, provided that all claims to each additional species are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.146.

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An action on the merits of all the claims and a Notice of Allowance thereof are respectfully requested.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 08-0750, under Order No. 5077-000202/US from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

Dated: March 6, 2006

Respectfully submitted,

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